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Dear Examiner Lankford,

Please find the attached proposed claims for discussion at our interview scheduled for 10:00AM on January 8, 2008. I have included the allowed claim in Application No. 10/614,644 and proposed claims in related applications. The portions of the proposed claims that differ from the allowed claim are highlighted. I look forward to our meeting on January 8, 2008 and moving the prosecution of the cases forward. Please call me at 619-687-8463 (direct) at your earliest convenience if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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USSN: 10/614,644 ALLOWED CLAIM

A self contained adipose-derived stem cell processing unit, comprising:

a tissue collection container configured to receive adipose tissue that is removed from a patient, wherein said tissue collection chamber is defined by a closed system;

a first filter that is disposed within said tissue collection container, which is configured to retain adipose tissue and pass lipid, blood, and saline;

a cell collection chamber, which is configured to receive and concentrate a population of cells that comprises adipose-derived stem cells from said tissue collection container, wherein said cell collection container is within said closed system; and

an outlet configured to allow the aseptic removal of said concentrated population of cells that comprise adipose-derived stem cells.

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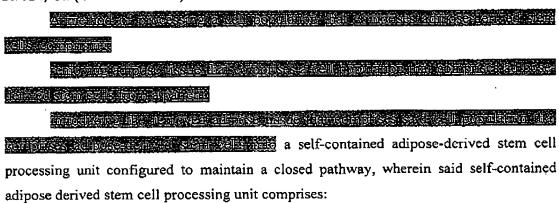
a tissue collection container that is configured to receive adipose tissue that is removed from a patient, wherein said tissue collection chamber is defined by a closed system;

a first filter that is disposed within said tissue collection container, which is configured to retain adipose tissue and pass lipid, blood, and saline,

a cell collection chamber, which is configured to receive and concentrate a cell population that comprises adipose-derived stem cells from said tissue collection container, wherein said cell collection container is within said closed system; and

an outlet configured to allow the aseptic removal of said concentrated population of cells that comprise adipose-derived stem cells.

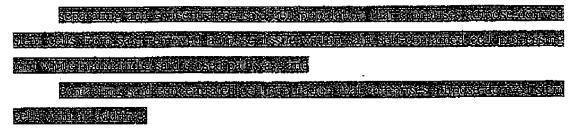
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a tissue collection container that is configured to receive adipose tissue that is removed from a patient, wherein said tissue collection chamber is defined by a closed system; a first filter that is disposed within said tissue collection container, which is configured to retain adipose tissue and pass lipid, blood, and saline,

a cell collection chamber, which is configured to receive and concentrate a cell population that comprises adipose-derived stem cells from said tissue collection container, wherein said cell collection container comprises a centrifuge or a spinning membrane filter, and wherein said cell collection container is within said closed system; and

an outlet configured to allow the aseptic removal of said concentrated population of cells that comprise adipose-derived stem cells;



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processing unit configured to maintain a closed pathway, wherein said self-contained adipose derived stem cell processing unit comprises:

a tissue collection container that is configured to receive adipose tissue that is removed from a patient, wherein said tissue collection chamber is defined by a closed system;

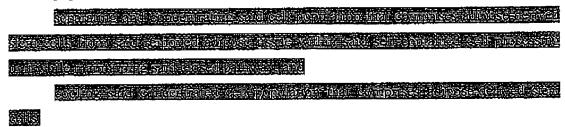
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a first filter that is disposed within said tissue collection container, which is configured to retain adipose tissue and pass lipid, blood, and saline,

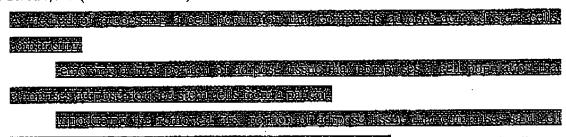
a cell collection chamber, which is configured to receive and concentrate a cell population that comprises adipose-derived stem cells from said tissue collection container, wherein said cell collection container comprises a centrifuge

or a spinning membrane filter, and wherein said cell collection container is within said closed system; and

an outlet configured to allow the aseptic removal of said concentrated population of cells that comprise adipose-derived stem cells;



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derived stem cell processing unit configured to maintain a closed pathway, wherein said self-contained adipose derived stem cell processing unit comprises:

a tissue collection container that is configured to receive adipose tissue that is removed from a patient, wherein said tissue collection chamber is defined by a closed system;

a first filter that is disposed within said tissue collection container, which is configured to retain adipose tissue and pass lipid, blood, and saline,

a cell collection chamber, which is configured to receive and concentrate a cell population that comprises adipose-derived stem cells from said tissue collection container, wherein said cell collection container comprises a centrifuge or a spinning membrane filter, and wherein said cell collection container is within said closed system; and

an outlet configured to allow the aseptic removal of said concentrated. population of cells that comprise adipose-derived stem cells;

